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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Austin Public Health Substance Use and Misuse Expanded Programming in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, Texas located at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701.

The funding would be used to implement a public health prevention and education strategy. The strategy will use data to educate the community on substance use/misuse, and the associated risk of drug use, identify high-risk populations, and establish a Health Equity Helpline and Substance Use Prevention Programs that will support educational outreach, provide case coordination and assessment for at-risk populations, and ensure clients are linked to the appropriate prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery programs. Funding will also support expanding Narcan Risk Reduction education and training of first responders, health care professionals, and other community members, including Community Health Workers and other community members, and funding for a public education campaign.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett